
Registration Report 2009



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1) Registration of people.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland maintains registers of both pharmacy students who will undertake a 12 month pre-registration training year and Pharmaceutical Chemists as is defined in [the Pharmacy \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1976](#).

a) New members of the register

i) Pharmacy pre-registration Students

In January 2009, 155 pre registration students undertook to enter the pre-registration training programme offered by the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. Students are required to follow the procedures detailed online at [pre-registration-training](#)

152 students were registered with the Society at least three months before commencing training ie 98%. Three students were levied a late application fee due as their applications arrived after 3 month deadline. Most students did commence training on their agreed dates. However 16 students initiated their training at a later date than planned due to attaining the late award of their pharmacy degree qualification.

ii) Pharmacist Registrants.

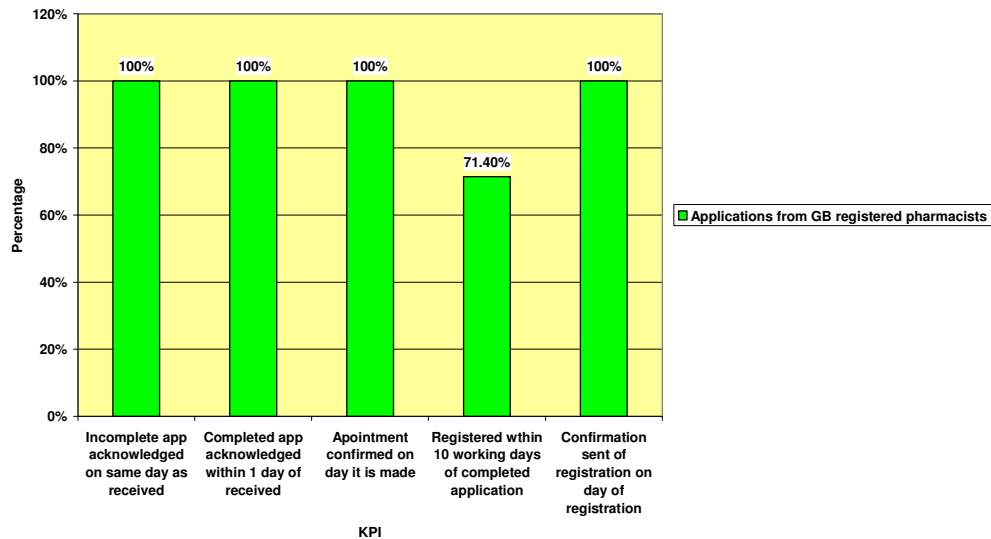
(1) After completion of pre-registration training.

All 163 pre-registration students who initiated training in 2008 registered in 2009 on completion of their training year. One student was involved in a serious accident and therefore did not complete their training. Registration was seamless and the students completed the registration process by submitting all data required by the regulator after week 48 of their individual training year. This process is well documented on the website and in the pre-registration manuals. All students were then eligible to register to work as a pharmacist on the calendar date one year after commencement of training.

(2) GB/EEA route.

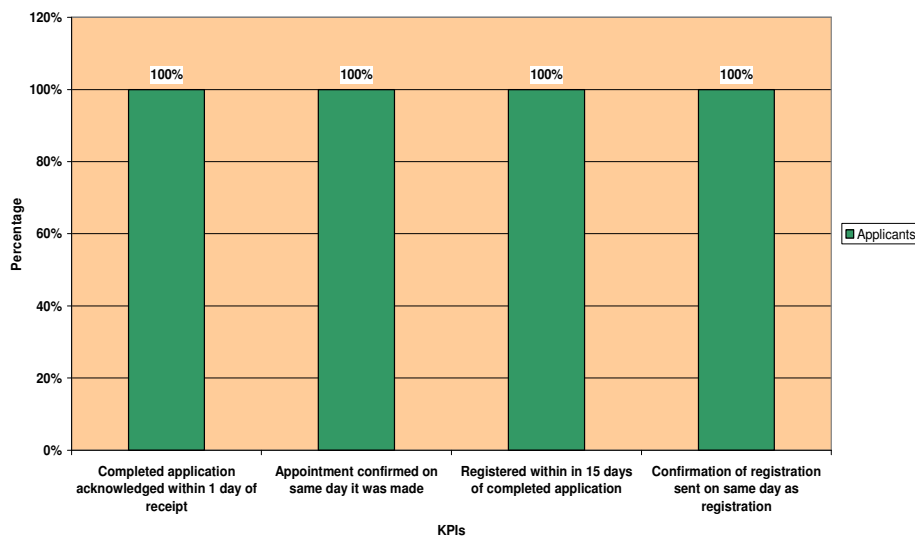
In 2009 there were nine applications for membership. Two applicants submitted incomplete documentation and subsequently, despite notification, did not follow up the application. Of the remaining seven applicants five were registered within 10 days of the receipt of a complete application and two were registered within 15 days by choice. Registrants joining from GB were all offered an optional induction meeting with the Registrar and all bar one attended.

A Chart displaying KPIS relating to GB registered pharmacist applications in 2009



In 2009 there was on single applicant for registration from a pharmacist registered within the EEA. This pharmacist was registered within 7 days of the receipt of complete documentation.

A Chart to illustrate KPIs for EEA applicants in 2009



(3) Non EEA route.

In 2009 there were 22 inquiries from pharmacists or technicians qualified outside the EEA and/or non EEA Nationals. In all cases the pharmacists had no automatic rights to register and were advised of the availability of the OSPAP route of entry via GB accredited universities. No pharmacists were admitted to the register via this route in 2009 and the regulator does not currently register technicians as it has no legislative basis to do so.

b) Renewal

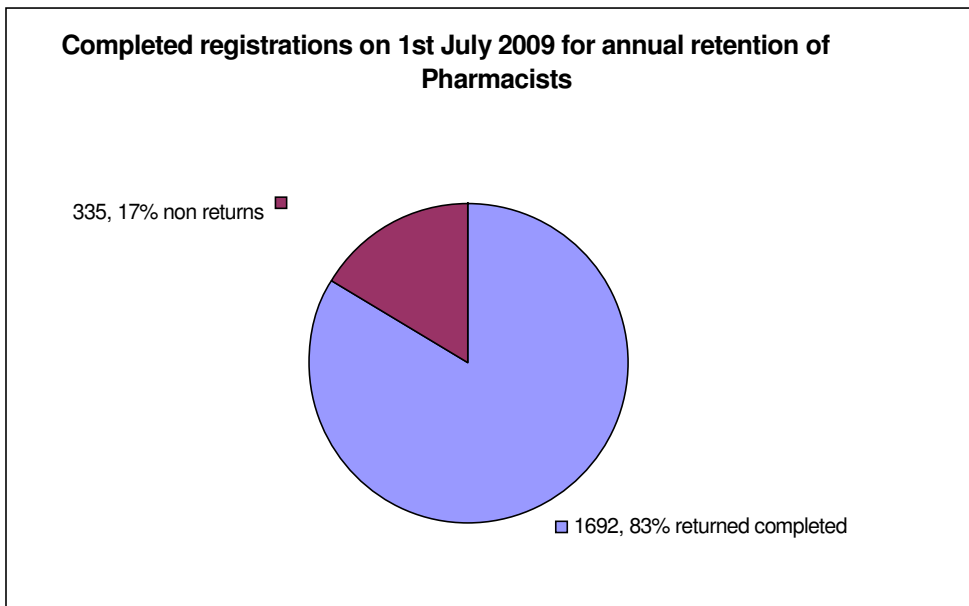
The process of annual retention of pharmacists started officially on 23rd March 2009 with the review and development of the registration forms and all associated documentation regarding pharmacist retention. The review, publication and mail out of the documentation were completed within 34 working days to meet the target date for posting on 15th May 2009.

A total of 2027 forms were personalised and sent to pharmacists at their last registered address. 1692 forms were processed before 1st July 2009 [32 working days] when statutory notices of late renewal were sent out to 335 pharmacists, 16.5%.

On 2nd September 2009 on the directive of the Council 29 pharmacists were removed from the register for the non payment of fees, 1.4%.

The age and sex distribution of the register is displayed on the website at [registration/equality-monitoring](#) this also provides historical statistics for 2008 and 2007. The other equality data which is requested on retention is asked in a voluntary capacity as advised by the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland. The data shown is not related to the full membership of the register except for compulsory fields e.g. Age and gender. The average return of voluntary data is 57.2% of the register.

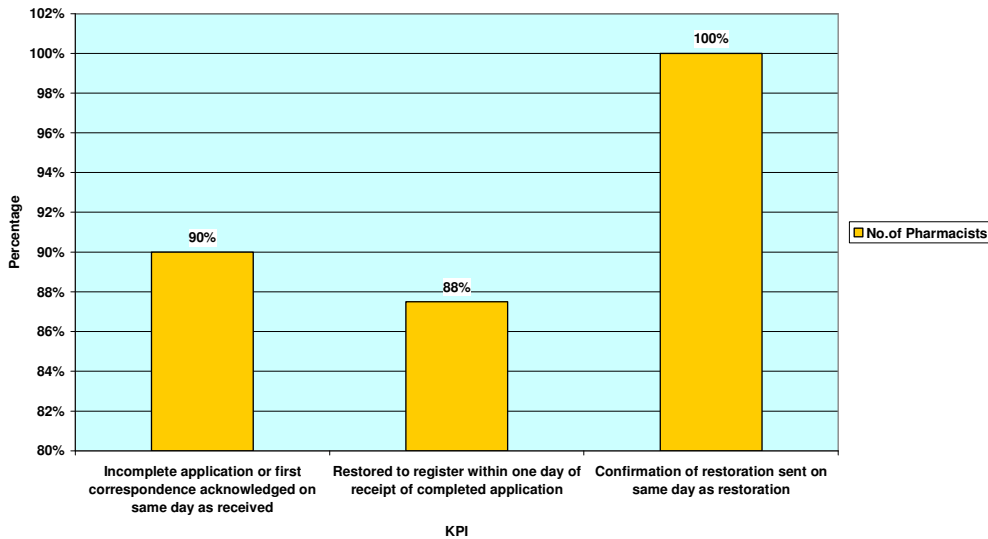
The process for both people and premises registration are also documented on the website visualised as Gantt charts see [/registration/key-performance-indicator](#)



c) Restoration.

In 2009 ten persons applied to be restored to the register of pharmacists. Seven applicants were restored to the register within one day of submitting completed registration documentation. One pharmacist was restored within two days of receipt of completed documentation. Two pharmacists did not comply in not presenting full documentation and therefore have not as yet registered.

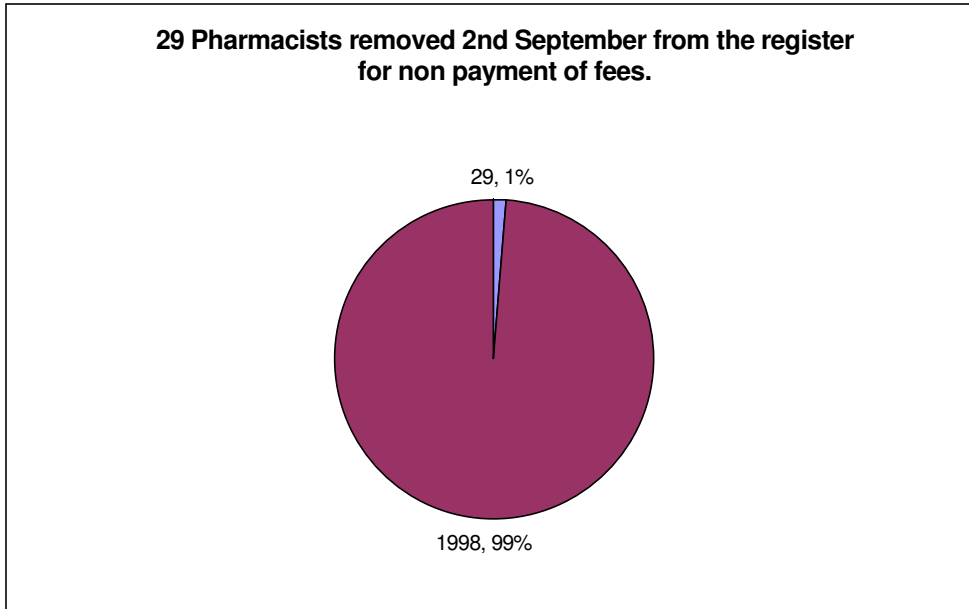
A Chart to illustrate KPI's relating to applications for restoration to the register



d) Removal.

The process of removal began on 1st July 2009 with the sending of a statutory notice indicating removal on 2nd September 2009 if the fees were still unpaid. This was followed with reminder letters in August 2009 and then removal on 2nd September. A statutory letter was sent by recorded delivery, to all pharmacists who were removed from the register and the notification sent to the DHSSPSNI, NICPLD, and HSCB. Notification was also listed publicly on the PSNI's website on 2nd September 2009. Employers are all requested to check the current status of all employees and locums on the live register at www.psni.org.uk

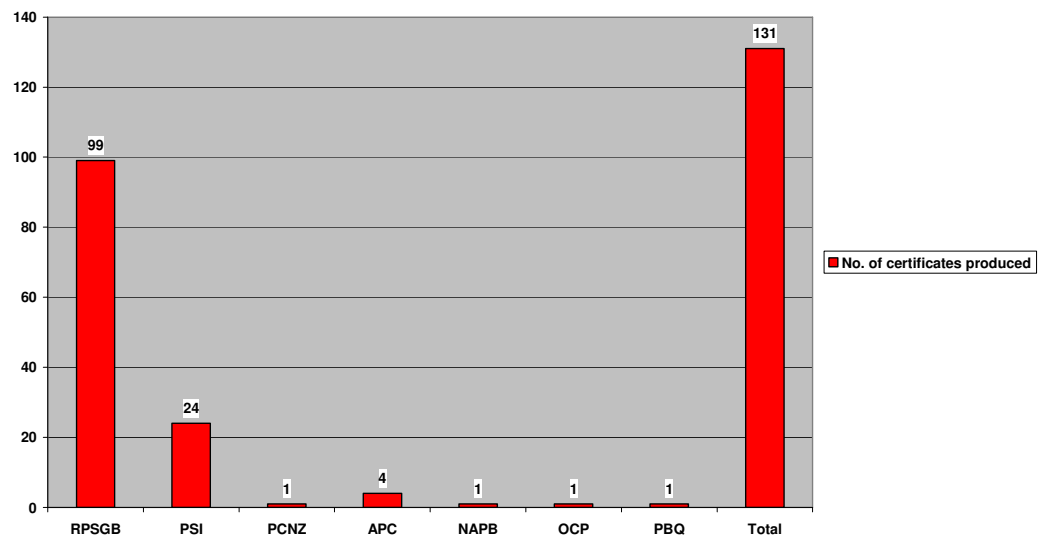
This year because of the increase in the fee structure for members over 65 years of age there was a larger than usual withdrawal from the register by consent, 114 persons withdrew voluntarily from the register.



e) Issue of Certificates of Current Professional Status to Pharmacists registered in NI.

This year 113 certificates of current professional status were issued to other competent authorities.

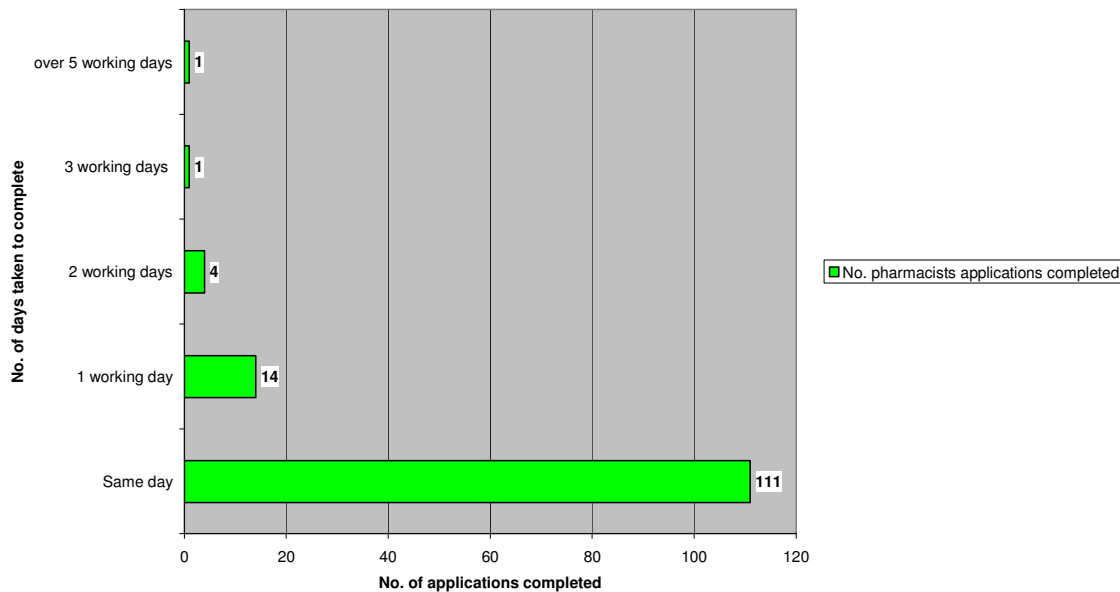
A Bar Chart illustrating the amount of Certificates of Current Professional Status produced for pharmacists joining other regulatory bodies in 2009



Certificates were normally issued on the same day as completed documentation is received by the Office. Certificates are then sent via post and email to the recipient authority and the registrant. A table is enclosed giving added detail. The letters of current professional status have changed to reflect the points

addressed in the Memorandum of Understanding relating to Health Professionals Crossing Borders.

A Chart to illustrate the number of days taken to complete applications for a Certificate of Current Professional Status



2) Registration of premises.

a) New.

In 2009 6 new pharmacy premises were registered. All applicants sent relevant documentation to the PSNI and this was detailed to the DHSSPSNI. Pharmacies are opened only after verification of compliance with premises standards by DHSSPSNI inspectors.

4 new premises are in the process of becoming registered.

b) Temporary.

In 2009 one pharmacy registered in temporary premises.

c) Renewal.

The annual renewal of premises registration was initiated on 13th October 2008 and forms were sent to pharmacies on 18th November 2008. From 27th November 2008 to 31st January 2009, 510 forms were processed recording details of owner and pharmacist in personal control. Details were also recorded of who works in each pharmacy and checks made against the pharmacist register.

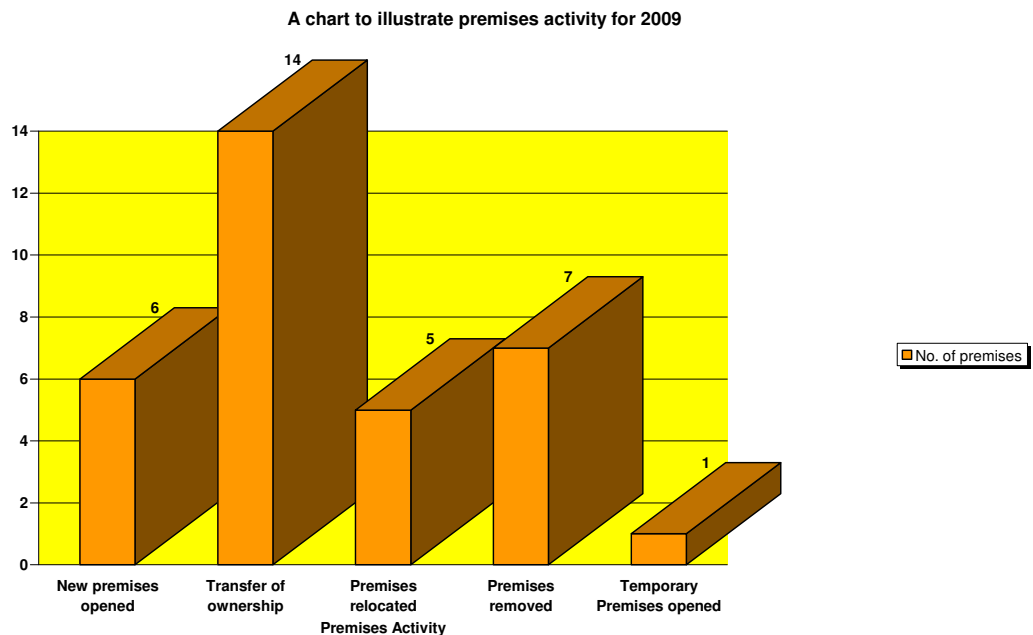
27 pharmacies received statutory notices on 31st January 2009 advising of potential removal of premises from the register on 1st April 2009 for non payment of fees.

d) Removal.

On 1st April 2009 one pharmacy was removed for non payment. This was notified to the DHSSPSNI and posted on the website. There were six pharmacy premises removed from the register due to relocation or planned removal of registration.

e) Transfer of ownership.

Fourteen pharmacies changed ownership in 2009.



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Glossary

DHSSPSNI	Department of Health Social Services & Public Safety N I
CSA/BSO	Central Services agency [from April 09] Business Services Organisation
NICPLD	NI Centre for Pharmacy Learning and Development
HSCB	Health and Social Care Board
PSNI	Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland

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